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# CDF NEWS RELEASE

## California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection



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### **CDF Prepared To Keep the Public Safe During Fire Season and Year Round**

#### ***Deployment of Planes, Engines, Firefighters and Material is Underway***

**Sacramento** – The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection announced today that they are fully funded, staffed and equipped to protect the public during fire season. California fire season will officially begin next week.

CDF Director Ruben Grijalva has deployed sufficient state personnel to meet the challenge of wildfires. “CDF is once again prepared to battle California’s wildfires when they happen,” Grijalva said. “We are fully prepared and ready to go.”

Management decisions are made by unit chiefs who respond to local conditions by hiring seasonal firefighters, staffing facilities 24 hours per day, increasing dispatch capabilities or canceling burn permits. Recent media reports suggesting that CDF is not prepared are not only false, but misleading and irresponsible. CDF has ample planes, fire retardant, fire engines and trained personnel to fight fires this season.

“There is always a tremendous potential for wildfire in California,” Grijalva said. “Each year we work very hard to prevent wildfires. All California residents should take steps that will help us help them. Residents should create defensible space around their homes, become involved in local fire safe councils, and be extra careful when visiting wild lands this summer.”

Contact your nearest CDF facility or visit the CDF website at [www.fire.ca.gov](http://www.fire.ca.gov) for more information on fire safety.

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